



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON MILITARY, VETERANS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

REP. BEAU MATTHEW LAFAVE

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

12:00 PM

Room 307, House Office Building

The House Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security was called to order by Chair LaFave.

At 12:01 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:05 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Anthony moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 24, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 6080, HB 6081, HB 6082, HB 6083, HB 6084 and HB 6142 before the committee:

HB 6080 (Rep. LaFave)

A bill to amend 2016 PA 198, entitled "An act to create the office of the Michigan veterans' facility ombudsman; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the office, the ombudsman, the legislative council, and the department of military and veterans affairs," by amending sections 1, 7, 12, and 13 (MCL 4.771, 4.777, 4.782, and 4.783), section 1 as amended by 2018 PA 395.

HB 6081 (Rep. Bezotte)

A bill to amend 2016 PA 198, entitled "An act to create the office of the Michigan veterans' facility ombudsman; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the office, the ombudsman, the legislative council,

and the department of military and veterans affairs," by amending section 4 (MCL 4.774).

HB 6082 (Rep. Hood)

A bill to amend 2016 PA 198, entitled "An act to create the office of the Michigan veterans' facility ombudsman; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the office, the ombudsman, the legislative council, and the department of military and veterans affairs," by amending section 10 (MCL 4.780).

HB 6083 (Rep. Steenland)

A bill to require certain state and local governmental officers and entities to notify a county department of veterans' affairs or county board of commissioners of a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a veteran; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

HB 6084 (Rep. Liberati)

A bill to amend 1953 PA 192, entitled "An act to create a county department of veterans' affairs in certain counties, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to create the county veteran service fund and to provide for contributions to and expenditures from that fund; and to transfer the powers and duties of the soldiers' relief commission in those counties," (MCL 35.621 to 35.624) by adding section 3b.

HB 6142 (Rep. Martin)

A bill to amend 2016 PA 198, entitled "An act to create the office of the Michigan veterans' facility ombudsman; and to prescribe the powers and duties of the office, the ombudsman, the legislative council, and the department of military and veterans affairs," (MCL 4.771 to 4.784) by amending the title and by adding section 4a.

At 12:06 PM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 12:07 PM, Rep. Eisen called the committee back to order.

Chair LaFave and Deborah Drick, from the Office of Chair LaFave, introduced the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

At 12:26 PM, Rep. Eisen laid the committee at ease.

At 12:27 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Representative Hood testified on HB 6082. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 6118, HB 6119, HB 6120 and HB 6121 before the committee:

HB 6118 (Rep. LaFave)

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 114.

HB 6119 (Rep. Markkanen)

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 115.

HB 6120 (Rep. Anthony)

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 116.

HB 6121 (Rep. Liberati)

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 113.

The following person submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 6118, HB 6119, HB 6120 and HB 6121, but did not wish to speak:

Heather Feuerstein, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Representative Bezotte moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 6118. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Bezotte moved to report out HB 6118 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Beeler moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 6119. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Steenland moved to report out HB 6119 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Steenland moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 6120. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Eisen moved to report out HB 6120 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1).  
The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Martin moved to report out HB 6121 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaFave, Beeler, Eisen, Bezotte, Martin, Rogers, Anthony, Coleman, Steenland.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The committee returned to consideration of HB 6080, HB 6081, HB 6082, HB 6083, HB 6084, and HB 6142.

Anne Zerbe, representing the Michigan Veteran Homes, testified with a neutral position on HB 6080, HB 6081, HB 6082, HB 6083, HB 6084 and HB 6142. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair LaFave adjourned the meeting at 12:56 PM.

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Representative Beau LaFave, Chair

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